718. [*Transferred to the 11th August, 1988*].

Benefit of Counter-Trade

719. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are encouraging counter-trade as an instrument of international trade.

(b) if so, what is the volume of counter-trade since its introduction; and

(c) what benefits have accrued to the country as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government have decided to encourage Public Sector Enterprises to promote exports linked to import of capital goods and bulk imports in order to augment foreign exchange earnings; gain access for Indian products and manufacturers in new markets and develop new marketing channels.

(b) The local exports under Counter Trade has been Rs. 1064 Crores (Provisional) so far since its introduction.

(c) This has resulted in exports of non-traditional items of exports to new markets as well as helped in obtaining contracts for execution of projects in other countries.

Opening of NTC Sales Centres in U.P.

720. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sale centres of the National Textiles Centres along with their location in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the opening of more sale centres in U.P.; and

(c) if so, by when these centres are likely to be opened and what will be the number of such centres?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There are 57 retail show-rooms of NTC in Uttar Pradesh. A Statement regarding these retail show-rooms is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

I. KANPUR DIVISION

1. Civil Lines, Allahabad
2. Etawah
3. Hazratganj, Lucknow
4. Unnao
5. Govind Nagar, Kanpur
6. Gumti No. 5 Kanpur
7. Katra, Allahabad
8. Fatehpur
9. Raibareli
10. PPN, Kanpur
11. Gaughat, Allahabad
12. Kidwainagar, Kanpur
13. LIC, Kanpur
14. Bereilly
15. Jhansi
16. Shahjahanpur
17. Aminabad, Lucknow
18. SCM, Kanpur
19. Chowk, Allahabad
20. Atherton, Kanpur
21. Fatehpur (Barabanki)
22. LRM, Kanpur
23. Barabanki

II. GHAZIABAD DIVISION

1. Agra
2. Almora

3. Chandausi
4. Dehradun
5. Ghaziabad
6. Haldwani
7. Hardwar
8. Mathura
9. Meerut
10. Modinagar
11. Moradabad
12. Muzaffarnagar
13. Pithoragarh
14. Rampur
15. Roorkee
16. Shamli

III. VARANASI DIVISION

1. Akbarpur
2. Azamgarh
3. Ballia
4. Basti
5. Balrampur
6. Bahraich
7. Cotton Mills, Varanasi
8. Deoria
9. Ghazipur
10. Gyanvapi, Varanasi
11. Golghar, Gorakhpur
12. Lahurabir, Varanasi
13. Maya Bazar, Gorakhpur
14. Maunath Bhanjan
15. Pratapgarh
16. Sultanpur
17. Shaktinagar
18. Urdubazar, Gorakhpur.

Evasion of Income-tax

721. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of income-tax evasion detected in the country during the last two financial years; and

(b) what are the details of action taken against the defaullters and the total amount involved in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) During the last two financial years the number of searches conducted by the Income-tax Department in the country and the results achieved thereof are as under:

Year	Searches conducted	Value of *prima-facie* unaccounted assets seized (Rs. in crores)	Amount of concealed income surrendered (Rs. in crores)
1986-87	7054	100.70	36 85
1987-88	8464	145.02	47.49*

(*The explanation to Section 271(1)(c) was amended to enable surrender of concealed income in the course of search operations w.e.f. 10-9-1986).

Appropriate action by way of imposition of penalty and initiation of prosecution proceedings is taker against the persons found to be evading taxes.